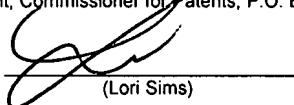


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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 3, 2007 (Paper No. 20061223), for which a response is due on April 3, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 3, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.